

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1 to 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12 to 14, 17 to 23, 26, 28 to 34, 36 and 38 to 47 remain in this application. Claims 4, 7, 10, 11, 15, 16, 24, 25, 27, 35, 37 and 48 to 56 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 14 and 26 have been amended to improve definiteness.

Claims 48, 50, 52 and 54 were indicated by the Examiner to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. She stated that the closest prior art, Mack et al. and King et al., do not teach a polymerizable tetraalkylsiloxane as a component of the invention and that use of such a material would be novel and unobvious over the prior art.

Claim 56, which depended indirectly on claim 40, also included the limitation of a polymerizable tetraalkylsiloxane. It is believed that the Examiner overlooked claim 56 and would allow claim 56 if rewritten in independent form.

Since claim 15 had previously been rewritten in independent form with all of the limitations of claim 1, the limitations of claim 48 has been added to claim 1 and claim 15 has been canceled. The limitations of claims 54 and 56 have been added to claims 33 and 40, respectively, and claims 53 to 56 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1, 33 and 40, and the claims dependent thereon, are allowable.

Claims 50 and 52 depended indirectly on claims 19 and 20. Claim 20 depended on claim 19 and claim 19 depended on claim 1. Therefore claims 49 to 50 have been canceled.

Applicants respectfully maintain that the claims are now in condition for allowance and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in the application.

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